

Chepachet Fire District

Executive Committee – Monthly Meeting

December 16, 2009

The Chepachet Fire District monthly meeting was held at the Chepachet Fire Station on Wednesday, December 16, 2009.

Chairman Earl Newman called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. Members present were George Leonhardt and Robert Lohr. Also present were Chief Robert Dauphinais, Treasurer David Steere, District Clerk/Secretary Darlene Shields, Tax Collector Patricia Svansson and Deputy Chief Dennis Huestis. Absent were Jamie Hainsworth and Lynda Martone.

Secretary's Report:

All members have received copies of the minutes for the October 21st, 2009 meeting for their review.

Motion made by Mr. Lohr to accept the minutes as presented, second by Mr. Leonhardt and passed 3–0.

Tax Collector's Report:

Mrs. Svansson presented a report from Mr. McCormick's Office for the month of November showing what was collected from outstanding accounts: November collected \$153.67 (Our Portion remitted was \$85.55 \$68.12 McCormick's Fee)

Taxes bills have been mailed out and money is coming in at this time.

Motion made by Mr. Leonhardt to accept the Tax Collector's Report as presented, second by Mr. Lohr and passed 3-0.

Treasurer Report:

Mr. Steere presented the Treasurer's Report for the months of November and December. Taxes collected to date \$27,500 in one month. Incentive pay was less than the 50% that was budgeted. Expenses are at 34% of the Budget and we are 50% through the year of the Budget. \$468,595 funds (\$344,695 restricted and \$124,000 operating funds)

Motion Mr. Lohr to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented and to pay the monthly bills, second by Mr. Leonhardt and passed 3-0.

Chief's Report:

Chief Dauphinais submitted the 2009's August, October and November Monthly Chief's Report to be placed on file.

Motion made by Mr. Lohr to accept the Chief's report and placed a copy on file, second by Mr. Leonhardt and passed 3-0.

Committee:

A. Brush Truck Committee:

2 Bids were received out of the 9 requests for a 2009 Brush Truck. Fire Tech bid \$104,379 and 100% meets specifications. Truck to be

ready in 2/3 months

Bulldog/KME bid \$114,986 on a 2010 Truck and with some exceptions to the specifications. Bulldog/KME also have a 2DR Demo Truck at the cost of \$108,325 to meet specifications cost would be \$120,312.00. Delivery Date for the 2010 Truck would in the Fall of 2010. All bids exceed the \$100,000 budgeted for the new brush truck and additional funds will have to be appropriated to cover the difference needed to purchase the truck. The Brush Truck Committee makes the recommendation that the Fire Tech Bid both meets the specifications 100% and also comes in at the lowest bid and be awarded the bid.

Old Business:

A. False Alarms: Tabled to Next Month's Meeting

B. Fire Chief Appointment:

Motion made by Mr. Newman to Appoint Chief Robert Dauphinais to a 3 year term to expire in 2012, second by Mr. Leonhardt and passed 3-0.

C. Final Audit:

Mr. Steere presented the board with the final audit from Mr. Malo's Office. Mr. Steere agrees with the numbers in the audit except the Mortgage has a balance of \$36,589 with a payoff date of March 2012.

Motion made by Mr. Lohr to accept the 2008/2009 Audit as presented, second by Mr. Leonhardt and passed 3-0.

New Business:

A. 2009 Brush Truck Bids:

a. The two (two) Brush Truck Bids from KME/Bulldog and Fire Tech have been reviewed by the Brush Truck Committee and their recommendation is that Fire Tech be awarded the bid due that the Fire Tech Bid both meets the specifications 100% and also comes in at the lowest bid.

Motion made by Mr. Lohr that Fire Tech be awarded the bid at the cost of \$104,379, second by Mr. Leonhardt and passed 3-0.

B. Department's Centennial Year:

Chief Dauphinais make a recommendation that a committee be set up for the purpose of the Department's Centennial Year will be in 2012.

C. Harmony Rescue: Harmony Fire District has ordered a new Rescue to be in next year. Chepachet and Harmony will share the old rescue as a spare for both departments. The cost to each District would be \$6,500 a total of \$13,000 which is what Harmony would have received in trade. The rescue truck will be stored at West Gloucester Station 2.

D. Snow Plow Bids: Dennis Huestis is willing hold his rates with no increase.

Motion made by Mr. Lohr to extend the snow plow bid to Dennis Huestis under the 2008/2009 contract rates, second by Mr. Leonhardt and passed 3-0.

E. Back Building: Chief Dauphinais advised the board that the heat in the back building has been hooked up.

Dispense of Executive Session at this time.

Next scheduled meeting is the Monthly Meeting on January 20th, 2010 at 6:30pm.

With no further business at this time, motion made by to adjourn, second by Mr. Lohr passed 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:02pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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**Darlene L. Shields**  
**District Clerk / Chepachet Fire District**